[श्री राम नरेश यादव]

ऐसी स्थिति नहीं होती तो मध्य प्रदेश और राजस्थान की सरकारें इस तरह का अन्यायपूर्ण निर्णय उन कर्मचारियों के साथ न लेती इसलिए मैं आपके माध्यम से केन्द्रीय सरकार से आग्रह करता हूं कि जो उत्तमभाई पटेल जी ने मंत्री की हैसियत से राज्य सरकारों को पत्र लिखा था वे एक बार फिर पत्र लिखकर यह निर्देश दें कि किसी भी तरह से छटनी नहीं होनी चाहिए और जो बर्खास्त होने के आर्डर हैं वह समाप्त किये जाने चाहिये ? और उन कर्मचारियों की सेवा शर्तें बनाए रखकर सचमुच में राज्य कर्मचारी के रूप में उन्हें सम्मान देकर उनके परिवारों के लिए और उन कर्मियों के लिए राहत दिलाने के लिए कहना चाहिए। यह आपके माध्यम से इस विशेष उल्लेख के माध्यम से सरकार से मेरा निवेदन है और आग्रह भी है कि सरकार इस दिशा में तत्काल कदम उठाये, नहीं तो दो हजार राज्य कर्मियों का भविष्य संकट में पड़ जायेगा। इस महंगाई के जमाने में उनका परिवार आखिर कहां जायेगा। जब उनकी रोटी-रोजी छिन जायेगी तो आज के महंगाई के समय में व कैसे रहेंगे, बच्चे-बच्चियां कैसे रहेंगी। इसलिए सरकार को इस महत्वपूर्ण सवाल पर ध्यान देना चाहिए और राजस्थान और मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को निर्देश देना चाहिए कि इस तरह की स्थिति न पैदा करें। यह मैं आपके माध्यम से कहना चाहता हूं। **(व्यवधान)**

श्री प्रमोद महाजन (महाराष्ट्र) : जब सरकारों को पागलपन छा गया है तो उनको निदश देने से कोई फायदा नहीं होगा। **(व्यवधान)**

श्री राम नरेश यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : अगर पागलपन नहीं होता तो क्यों आज के समय में छंटनी करते, उनको निकालते। **(व्यवधान)**

Tapping of telephones of high officials, politicians and journalists by the Intelligence Wing of A.P. Police

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, the Intelligence Wing of Andhra Pradesh Police is playi a numbers game concerning the tel phones. The telephones of senior officia politicians and even journalists of Andh Pradesh are bugged without necessa requisition to the Telephone Departme Mr. K. V. Natarajan, the then Chi Secretary of the Government of Andh Pradesh had withdrawn permission giv to the Intelligence Wing to tap the te phones of senior officials. However, o ing to infighting among the I.A.S. offic of Andhra Pradesh, this malpractice still being continued. The malaise is serious that officers are reluctant to ta on phone to each other and even to jou nalists...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHIRMA JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): This is SIate subject, I think.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDD (Andhra Pradesh): This is on phone ta ping.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMA JAYANTHI NATARAJAN-: I want know because...

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TI MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPOI (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Are y sure it is being tapped?

DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Y deny it.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: You kn that in the last Parliament also, it v made clear that no telephones anywh in the country, if politicians or office have been tapped...(*Interruptions*). Y get some news and you start speaking. (*Interruptions*).

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: TI is why it is being brought to the not of the House...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: It has be made out already...

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDD Not in deeds; only in words. (*Interru tions*).

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: The Minister need not speak in an irresponsible way.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: If somebody brings a news, you come and make a statement... (*Interruptions*).

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Don't talk in an irresponsible way. This concerns the Department of Telecommunications. You are not involved. Why do you talk like that? You are not a Minister of Communications. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA (Bihar): There is a collective responsibility and whatever he is saying is based on that.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Let them conduct an enquiry.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: You are not the concerned Minister.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: There is a collective responsibility.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please. He is the only Minister present, and he represents the Government. I am sorry, Dr. Reddy.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Let them conduct an enquiry.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Let the Government deny it.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: It is only the newspaper from where he is speaking ... (*Interruptions*).

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: No Government agency has denied it.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Let there be an enquiry and we are ready to prove it... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: He said let the Government deny it. So I have denied it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): He is the only Minister here representing the Government...

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: We have a right to raise it. (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Mr. Minister, please wait. Dr. Reddy, please sit down. (*Interruptions*)

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: We don't need their permission. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: You must remember that only a weak person shouts. If you want to make a statement, you make a statement. There is no need to shout. You make your point. He made his point. (*Interruptions*) He asked me to deny it. Therefore, I denied it. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Dr. Reddy, please sit down. Please do not shout. (*Interruptions*)

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Why are they preventing us from making our point? (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please do not shout in the House. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Gautam, please sit down.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): He is also a weak person. The House is full of weak persons. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Madam, please allow him to make his statement.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): I am only only asking him whether it is not a State subject. He is talking about the Intelligence Wing of Andhra Pradesh.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: The Telephone Department comes under the Union Government. Telephones are being tapped. It comes under the purview of the Union Government.

Madam, it is reported that one of the senior IAS officers complained to the Ministry of Communications about the

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tapping of his telephone. Repeated complaints to the Department proved futile. Only the Director-General of Police, the Intelligence Bureau and the Commsisioner of Police are permitted to order interception of telephones. There has to be a written request from the above authorities and only then the telephones can be tapped, that too, only in the interest of the safety of the country, to prevent espionage, etc. Here, even without such a request telephones are being tapped. The Intelligence Wing wants to feed information to the Chief Minister...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Dr. Sivaji, please. Please do not bring in the name of the Chief Minister.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:... who is facing hectric disident activity.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please do not bring on extraneous matters, Dr. Sivaji. I am not going to allow this. I am not going to allow you to bring in extraneous matters.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: This is not extraneous. This is published in the 'Indian Express'.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): I am not allowing any reference to the Chief Minister.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Please listen to me. Why are you so impatient?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): I am not impatient, I am listening to you. I am listening to you carefully.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Don't get inspiration from Mr. Tytler. You are known for your patience. Don't be inspired by Mr. Tytler.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Which is why I have listened to you for seven minutes.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: My time has been stolen by Mr. Tytler and others. You do not have the patience t listen to me. Please listen to me.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMAT JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please d not refer to the Chief Minister. Pleas simply refer to the Telecommunication Department and say what the Depar ment should do. I am not going to allo you to talk about dissident activity any other thing against the Chief Mi ister, which has got nothing to do wi the Telecommunications Department will not allow this.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDD Tapping has arisen out of that only.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: T report was published about a fortnig back in the 'Indian Express', New De edition, and no Governmental agency h denied it so far.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMA JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): But I c not allow you to refer to the Chief M ister. I will not allow you to refer the Chief Minister. Please talk abo the Telephone Department.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA Madam, the point is, people sitting the helm of affairs at Hyderabad h failed to draw any lesson from experience earlier, from what happe in Karnataka about four years back. friend, Mr. Giri Prasad, is here. His t phone is being tapped and tape-record (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIM JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): He talk about it, if he wants to. You about your Special Mention. He can notice. He can give notice of a privi motion.

SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD (An Pradesh): Madam, it is true that telephone... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: If what hon. Member, Mr. Giri Prasad, is sa is correct, we will support him. You n a privilege motion. The entire House support you. Nobody can tap the phone of a Member of Parliament. will support you, But you come out the facts.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Madam, let me allow him to make his point.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You need not allow him. Let him speak.

SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Madam, I would like to point this out in this connection. I thank Mr. Ahluwalia for saying that if there is any problem, he is prepared to support me if I bring forward a *privilege motion*. Madam, I am not a man who will go to the police department and complain about it. But every time I pick up the telephone, I hear the tape-recording sound. Sometimes they interject also. So, whatever it is, I request the Government to make their own enquiries theough their CBI and other sources on whether telephones of politicians or officials are being tapped by the State police. After that, let them make a statement here. As far as the signals or sounds that I hear, are conerned, they are clearly sounds of tape-recording. That is my personal experience. ... *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): He has associated himself with the previous special mention. ... *(Interruptions)* No. Please let Mrs. Kamla Sinha speak. now.

Closure of Patna-Farakka inland water transport route by central inland water transport authority of India

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA (Bihar): Madam, it is just by chance that when I am going to raise this matter, the Minister concerned, Mr. Tytler, is also present here.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Fortunately.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Fortunately for me and fortunately for the matter which I am raising.

Madam, the Central Inland Water Transport Authority was created in 1983 to develop inland waterways and ease the pressure on national highways. In the first phase, waterways between Allahabad and Haldia and Allahabad and Guwahati were made operational. This was done in 1987. Hundreds of crores of rupees were spent to create the infrastructure including the navigational lock gates installation, acquiring dredgers etc.

A similar project to connect the South Indian rivers to the water transport system was also to be created. The Ganga and other great rivers have always been the lifelines of India. The water transport system is cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

At Patna and Farakka, the Central Inland Water Transport Authority has created all the infrastructure necessary for the operation. Every month fifty thousand to one lakh metric tonnes of cargo was being transported. The Hindustan Lever Co., the Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. and various other companies and cement factories have been transporting and importing items and other cargo by this waterway.

Suddenly in April, 1992 the Central Inland Water Transport Authority decided to close down the Patna-Farakka route, and the operation has been stopped from June, 1992. Not only this, but the transportation of cargo and the passenger-service ferries between Patna and Farakka via Kahalgaon and Karhagota have also been stopped.

This is causing revenue loss to Bihar and the Central Government, apart from increasing the load of road transport on the national highways, creating difficulties for the passengers and increasing environmental pollution. So, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to this. Fortunately, the Minister is here. So, I draw his attention to this issue and demand that the Patna-Farakka waterway via Kahalgaon-Karhagola and Patna-Farakka waterway, the direct route, should immediately be restored for operation for cargo and passenger service.

Thank you, Madam.